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On March 28, Rudra Nepal, Under Secretary for the UN and International Organizations at the Foreign Ministry, told the Political/Economic Chief that he would convey the U.S. position on renewing the mandate of the special rapporteur on freedom of expression to Dinesh Bhattarai, Nepal's UN representative in Geneva. He assured Emboff that the U.S. request to endorse the Canadian resolution to renew the mandate would be seriously considered, as well as the U.S. request to oppose resolutions that restrict freedom of expression, including the Organization of Islamic Conferences annual resolution on "defamation of religion."

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